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The Association of Geohazard Professionals Announce Rope Access Safety Recognition Recipients for 2023

Bridgewater, NJ, (February 12, 2024) - The Association of Geohazard Professionals is pleased to recognize Access Limited Construction, Apex Rockfall Mitigation, BAT Construction LTD., Delve Underground, Dyer All Terrain Excavation, Emil Anderson Construction (EAC) Inc., Gannett Fleming Inc., GeoBuild, GeoStabilization International®, Global Rope Access, GZA GeoEnvironmental, HI-TECH Rockfall Construction Inc., New York State Parks and Recreation, Pacific Blasting & Demolition Ltd., Washington State Department of Transportation, and Yeh and Associates, Inc. as recipients of the 2023 AGHP Rope Access Safety Recognition Program. This program, honoring best-in-class safety development and implementation initiatives within the geohazard industry, distinguishes companies that foster and employ safe rope access work procedures, provide education and training to their personnel, and commit to enhancing the safety culture within their organizations. Criteria for consideration include:

- lowest TRC rate
- minimum combined 85-point score in leading and trailing safety indicator categories
- lowest Days Away and Restricted duty/job Transfer case (DART) rate.

Each applicants' safety program and performance metrics were reviewed, including Total Incident Rates and Lost Time / Modified Duty Rates statistics. Additionally, management involvement and commitment to the firm's safety program, written rope access safety procedures, and adherence to industry best practices were examined.

"Carrying out the mitigation of geohazards often involves exposing workers to hazardous situations. That is why the AGHP continues to recognize industry leaders that take rope access safety seriously. We do this through the annual Rope Access Safety Recognition program which has once again grown, with a total of 16 recipients. These organizations have proven track

records and integrated safety procedures to ensure a project is carried out safely and efficiently. Congratulations to all the recipients, we wish you another successful and safe year!"

Ahren Bichler, President of the Association of Geohazard Professionals General Manager, Trumer Schutzbauten Canada

For more information on the Rope Access Safety Recognition, click <u>here</u>. Applications for the 2024 recognition will open in June of 2024. To learn more about the Association of Geohazard Professionals and become a member, click <u>here</u>.

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About the Association of Geohazard Professionals

The Association of Geohazard Professionals (AGHP) was created in 2013 to support the development of standards, specifications, and best practices concerning the design and implementation of geohazard-related technologies and products; and to support and provide education to the geohazard community and those it serves. Manufacturers, engineers, agency personnel, contractors and all others interacting with geohazards design, installation and implementation are invited to join the association and contribute to the achievement of our goals.